

REMARKS

Status of claims

All pending claims in this patent application have been cancelled. New claims 21-40 have been added. Claims 21-40 better clarify the subject invention of the present patent application. Claims 21, 29, 35, and 38 are independent claims, from which the remaining new claims depend. Support for the new claims is found throughout the patent application as originally filed, but is concentrated within FIGs. 4-6 and their associated description in the specification. FIGs. 4-6 show the various user interface elements displayed in a particular embodiment of the invention by which a user is permitted to schedule later printing of a print job.

Patentability of new claims

Claim 21 is discussed as representative of independent claims 21, 29, 35, and 38 insofar as patentability over the cited prior art is concerned. In claim 21, a print window is displayed in response to a user requesting, via a user interface, to print information on the printing device. The print window permits the user to modify printing parameters controlling the printing of the information on the printing device. When the user selects a button on the print window, a job schedule window is displayed. The job schedule window permits the user to specify a later time and/or date at which a print job is transmitted to the printing device. The print job encompasses the information to be printed on the printing device in accordance with the printing parameters. Therefore, in response to the user specifying the later time and/or date in question, transmission of the print job to the printing device is scheduled for this later time and/or date. At the later time and/or date, then, the print job is transmitted to the printing device for printing of the information on the printing device in accordance with the printing parameters.

Applicant submits that the cited prior art does not teach, disclose, or suggest all the limitations of the claimed invention. For example, the cited prior art does not teach that the user

can specify a later time and/or date at which a print job is to be transmitted to a printing device in response to the user requesting, via a user interface, to print information on the printing device, where a subsequently displayed print window permits the user to modify the printing parameters that control the printing of the information on the printing device. As such, the claimed invention is advantageous over the prior art at least insofar as it permits a user to select the time and/or date at which a print job is to be transmitted to a printing device for printing within the same window(s) that permit the user is to also modify the printing parameters in accordance with which the information is printed on the printing device. For at least these reasons, the claimed invention is patentable over the cited prior art.

Conclusion

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the pending claims in condition for allowance, and request that they so be allowed. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Mike Dryja, Applicants' Attorney, at 425-427-5094, so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. For these reasons, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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